



Guidelines *for* **POLITICAL PARTY AND CANDIDATE AGENTS**

Election of
President, Parliament
and Local Council
Sierra Leone
7 March 2018
7am - 5pm

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the National Electoral
Commission,
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Political party and candidate agents are entitled to visit the polling centres to which they have been assigned. However, they must adhere strictly to National Electoral Commission (NEC) rules. These rules are intended to facilitate agents while preserving the rights of the Sierra Leonean people to vote in secrecy and without interference.

Political party/candidate agents observe polling and counting procedures on behalf of the party or candidate they support. Nonetheless, they must not wear or display anything that suggests their support of any particular party or candidate.

Their accreditation badges and NEC-issued ID cards must be visible and should indicate the specific polling centre to which they are accredited.

Only one agent of any party or candidate may be in any polling station at one time.

Agents may be present throughout both the polling and counting processes. However, they must not interfere with these processes in any way. They should not be present or assist any voters - including voters with disabilities - when they are marking their ballots papers, and should refrain from touching any election materials.

Agents may sign the Reconciliation and Results Forms, and obtain a copy or photograph the Forms.

In the case that an agent observes any questionable or irregular activities, he/she should bring this to the attention of the Presiding Officer or Polling Centre Manager.

Agents must comply with these and any other relevant guidelines issued to them by the NEC. Failure to do so may result in his/her being directed to leave the polling station.